

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 979

Short Title: EHNR Water Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Tally.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 28, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR WATER
3 SUPPLY PLANNING AND REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT STUDIES.

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5 Whereas, in 1989, the General Assembly enacted legislation requiring about
6 600 local governments to prepare water supply plans and required the Department of
7 Environment, Health, and Natural Resources to assist local governments with their
8 plans and to prepare a State water supply plan; and

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10 Whereas, in 1991, the General Assembly required water users to register
11 certain water supply withdrawals and transfers, and required the Department of
12 Environment, Health, and Natural Resources to manage information and make reports
13 on water use; and

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15 Whereas, no funds have been appropriated to the Department to carry out
16 these additional statutory requirements; and

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18 Whereas, some regions of North Carolina have potential shortages or
19 management problems with their surface or groundwater resources which require
20 quantitative analysis for careful management; and

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22 Whereas, sound water management requires the continuous collection of data
23 on surface and ground water resources, and federal matching funds are available to
support the program; and

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25 Whereas, the economic health and environmental quality of North Carolina
depend on sound water supply planning to meet future needs; Now, therefore,
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
2 Environment, Health, and Natural Resources the sum of three hundred sixty-three
3 thousand thirty-four dollars (\$363,034) for the 1993-94 fiscal year, and the sum of three
4 hundred fifteen thousand eight hundred eighty-one dollars (\$315,881) for the 1994-95
5 fiscal year for local and State water supply planning and regional water supply and
6 water management studies.

7 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
8 Environment, Health, and Natural Resources the sum of one hundred thirty-five
9 thousand dollars (\$135,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred
10 fifty-eight thousand eight hundred dollars (\$158,800) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to
11 match federal funds for the collection of water resource data through the U. S.
12 Geological Survey Cooperative Program and other efforts.

13 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.